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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW I-10 SOUNDWALL

WEST LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) celebrated the start of a new soundwall along the westbound Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) with representatives from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and elected officials today.

The new wall will be 1,959-foot long by 12-foot tall by 6-inch thick and will serve as a sound and sight barrier for residents living near the freeway. It will extend on from Motor Avenue to Military Avenue. The wall will be constructed from concrete and aggregate that has been set in reinforced steel and held in place with piles (structural supports). The concrete will be poured at the site, as opposed to using ready-made masonry blocks. The project also replaces some landscape on the slope within the work area.

“Caltrans is always looking at new ways to make construction as quick and cost-effective as possible,” said District Director Doug Failing. “This soundwall will not only benefit residents living near the freeway but will also provide valuable information for future soundwall projects.”

The wall is expected to complete by late summer 2006.

“Metro is proud to be a financial partner in this vital transportation improvement project along the busy Santa Monica Freeway corridor,” added Metro CEO Roger Snoble. “This new construction method will be closely watched and if proven successful will be incorporated into future soundwall construction in Los Angeles County.”

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